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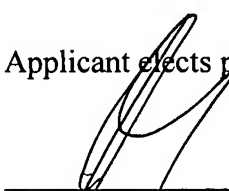
In re Application of:)	
Hess, Christopher J.	:	Examiner: Bui, VY Q.
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Filed: 04/01/2004	:	Group Art Unit: 3773
For: Vessel Harvesting Retractor with)	Conf. No. 9323
Bilateral Electrosurgical Ligation	:	Dated: December 2, 2008
)	Docket No. ETH-1541

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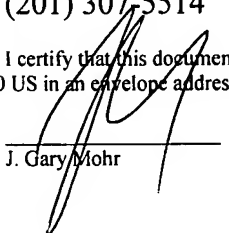
Applicant elects prosecution on Species 1 as reflected in claims 1 – 16 and claims 22-23.



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